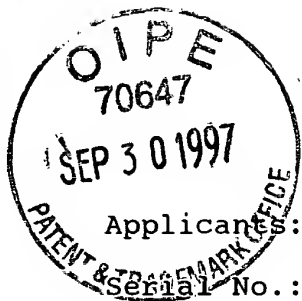


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The Honorable Commissioner
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September 30, 1997

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of time for one (1) month(s) to September 30, 1997 for filing a response to the Office Action dated May 30, 1997 in connection with the above-identified application.

 A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
 is submitted herewith (Original Photocopy).
 was previously submitted on .

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

 X NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for filing the response. Thus a fee of \$ 110.00 for an extension of one (1) month(s) pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a) is required. 110.00 OP

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— Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$_____. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

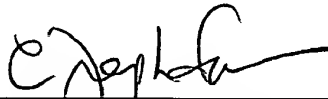
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